

What is Claimed Is:

1. A passenger vehicle comprising an engine that is mounted in a front end from which a drive shaft leads to rear vehicle wheels and a fuel tank that is mounted between vehicle seats and extends in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle,

wherein the drive shaft runs alongside the fuel tank from front to rear.

2. The passenger vehicle according to Claim 1,

wherein an exhaust system of the engine runs from front to rear on a side of the fuel tank opposite the drive shaft.

3. The passenger vehicle according to Claim 1,

wherein the fuel tank is designed more narrowly in a top section than in a geodetically lower section.

4. The passenger vehicle according to Claim 2,

wherein the fuel tank is designed more narrowly in a top section than in a geodetically lower section.

5. The passenger vehicle according to Claim 3,

wherein the fuel tank has an approximately pear-shaped cross section and is designed to hold liquefied gas.

6. The passenger vehicle according to Claim 1,
wherein the drive shaft of the engine runs in the vehicle longitudinal direction and a gear reduction manual transmission provided between the engine and the drive shaft for the rear wheels is mounted on a side of the engine.
7. The passenger vehicle according to Claim 2, wherein the drive shaft of the engine runs in the vehicle longitudinal direction and a gear reduction manual transmission provided between the engine and the drive shaft for the rear wheels is mounted on a side of the engine.
8. The passenger vehicle according to Claim 3, wherein the drive shaft of the engine runs in the vehicle longitudinal direction and a gear reduction manual transmission provided between the engine and the drive shaft for the rear wheels is mounted on a side of the engine.
9. The passenger vehicle according to Claim 5, wherein the drive shaft of the engine runs in the vehicle longitudinal direction and a gear reduction manual transmission provided between the engine and the drive shaft for the rear wheels is mounted on a side of the engine.
10. A method of making a passenger vehicle with an engine comprising making the passenger vehicle of Claim 1.

11. A method of using a passenger vehicle with an engine comprising utilizing the passenger vehicle of Claim 1.
12. A vehicle comprising,
an engine being mounted in a front of the vehicle,
a drive shaft leading from the engine to rear wheels,
a fuel tank being mounted between vehicle seats and extending in a longitudinal direction of the vehicle,
wherein the drive shaft extends at a lateral side of the fuel tank and to a side of a longitudinal vertical center plane of the vehicle.
13. A vehicle according to claim 12, wherein an exhaust system extends from the engine to a rear of the vehicle on a side of the fuel tank opposite to the drive shaft.
14. A vehicle according to claim 12, wherein a gear reduction manual transmission for the rear wheels is mounted on a lateral side of the engine.